

**REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL
MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER at 10:03 AM. See roster for attendance.

MINUTES of July, 2007 approved by consensus.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Community Partnership to End Homelessness (“Reed Bill”) – Simonne Ruff, Corporation for Supportive Housing, provided information and a handout on the status of the Mc Kinney-Vento reauthorization. Changes reflect input that was given in prior reviews, such as allowing in-kind contributions to meet a 25% across-the-board match requirement. The RCCC empowered Simonne to draft a letter describing the RCCC feedback to elected officials, to be submitted over the facilitator’s signature.

Plan to End Chronic Homelessness (PTECH) – Nomination of Representative
–The RCCC was invited by the PTECH convener, United Way, to submit a recommendation for the representative to fill the RCCC designated seat on the Implementation Committee. Nominations were open to all RCCC members. Two candidates were nominated (Hannah Cohen; Pat Leslie).and Pat elected by consensus vote (requires 80% or more validation). The Convener will be notified of this recommendation.

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) – Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
Patricia Picasso, Housing and Community Development, announces funding availability for ESG funds through the County of San Diego. A bidder’s conference will be held on Sept. 1st from 9:00 – 11:00 am, with proposals due on Sept. 14th at noon.

STEERING COMMITTEE

2007 Process Feedback – Recommendations – In July, the Steering Committee presented feedback on the 2007 local SuperNOFA process collected from various subgroups and gave the full Membership an opportunity for additional feedback before the August meeting. Items specific to individual subcommittees are referred to those committees. the full RCCC votes resulted in the approval of the actions listed below which apply to the process for both consortium areas. Each item was approved at or above the 80% consensus level with 4 members abstaining.

- Reinstate a ‘bidders workshop’ and technical assistance session prior to local proposal deadline.
- Implement a quarterly review of data in HMIS to improve data quality
- Expand the annual review cycle such that components of local proposal that can be compiled in advance are reviewed prior to the release of the NOFA. This includes review of documents such as the APR, independent audit, and NOFA Application Section “N”.
- Revise the current policy for proposals not meeting local threshold. New policy is that beginning in the 2008 round, proposals not meeting the local threshold will

be provisionally included in the application for one year, and given notice that it will not be included if it fails to meet threshold the following year.

- Revise local threshold to mirror the national level of 65 points.

Subcommittee Roles – A draft document describing subcommittees was distributed for comment. A list of eleven subgroups is suggested for consideration: data quality; employment; logic model; homeless representative; handbook task force; housing liaisons; legislative liaisons; rating and ranking which has a subcomponent proposal scoring group; steering committee; and writing committee. A decision regarding subcommittee structure will be made at the September meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Employment – Dave Siegler – The Annual Employment Forum will be held on October 30th with presentations from innovative employment programs for persons who are homeless, such as the program at Toussaint Academy that resulted in Pierre's Café on 5th Avenue near Ash street. Member are encouraged to suggest other presenters or topics of interest. The committee meets prior to the RCCC at National University. new participants are always welcome.

Data Committee – Deborah Lester – no report due to family emergency..

Homeless Representative Task Group – Patti Hamic Christensen – next meeting is Sept 26th at 10:00 AM at Community Housing Works, 1820 S. Escondido Blvd. in Escondido. Contact Patti at PHC@CHworks.org.

Legislative / Advocacy – Rosemary Johnson, Kathy Houck, Hannah Cohen

At the State Level: The governor signed the state budget and vetoed the AB 2034 funds. The program currently supports approximately 259 clients at a time in San Diego County. Apparently there is some thought that MHSA funds can supplant the loss of the AB 2034 funds. Zack Olmstead (Housing California) is leading an effort to educate policy makers about the provisions of MHSA that restrict this.

The Promise pilot project offers \$4 million for housing for parolees with mental health issues and provides another \$3 million for infill and brown field development.

The budget for State income support programs does not include any cost of living adjustment for programs for women and children and provides for a six month delay in the COLA for seniors and disabled persons (blind).

At the Local Level: Senior Community Services received approval for their new location near 12th & Broadway. Some conditions must be met in exchange for the flexibility in the quarter-mile notice rule.

The North County Alliance for Regional Solutions is working to ensure human services in the region north of Poway. Human services in nine cities are working together to try to locate 6 sites for 75 shelter beds. The service design includes sobriety conditions and offer sobering service alternatives; participants will also be registered in the HMIS system.

Rating and Ranking – Shanda Roberts – No report due to health issues.

Manual Preparation Group – Angela Bull replaces Lisa Contreras as leader this group. The members will meet immediately after adjournment of the RCCC meeting.

Population Estimate / (Homeless Count) – John Thelen – no report (chair absent). RCCC members understand that there will be an alternative date established for the count in case of rain.

OTHER ITEMS / ANNOUNCEMENT

LISC is offering a Quality of Life training housing revitalization on Sept 20th.

A benefits concert including stars like BB King is planned for Oct 12th. Proceeds will benefit programs for Transitional-Aged Youth (TAY).

St. Vincent de Paul / Father Joe's Villages announces an opening for a development officer. Description will be distributed electronically..

Free Home Clinic will be held Sept 29th in Chula Vista (which has the highest rate of foreclosure in the county). See HousingCollaborative.org for details.

ADJOURNMENT at 11:27 AM

**NEXT MEETING
SEPT. 25th @ 10:00 AM**

**National University
9388 Lightwave Avenue
San Diego, CA**